

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, please replace the drawing descriptions with the following descriptions:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hair accessory application device in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion of the threading assembly of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective sectional view of the hair accessory application device of Fig. 1, showing a portion of the threading assembly of Fig. 2 in association with one or more hair accessories;

Fig. 4 is perspective sectional view of the hair accessory application device of Fig. 3, rotated 90 degrees;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the threading assembly of the hair accessory application device of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a schematic diagram illustrating a first operational step in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 is a schematic diagram illustrating a second operational step in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 1;

Fig. 8 is a schematic diagram illustrating a third operational step in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 1;

Fig. 9 is a schematic diagram illustrating a fourth operational step in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 10 is a schematic diagram illustrating a fifth operational step in accordance with the embodiment of Fig. 1.

Please replace the first and second paragraphs on page 7 with the following two amended paragraphs:

Referring to the drawings and, in particular, Figs. 1a

~~and 1b~~, a hair accessory application device in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention is shown and generally represented by reference numeral 1. Device 1 essentially has a first body or ergonomic handle portion 2 suitable for handling by an operator and for accommodating at least a portion of a drive assembly 4, and a second body or head portion 6 suitable for accommodating at least a portion of a threading assembly 8 (shown best in Figs. 2 and 3). Hair accessories 10, such as, for example, beads may be threaded or received over one or more strands of hair using device 1.

As shown, handle portion 2 is preferably ergonomically shaped and/or oriented for convenient, comfortable handling and may preferably have a control interface 12 for allowing an operator to control the operation of device 1. ~~Also as reflected in Fig. 1b, a~~Control interface 12 may preferably be operatively connected to drive assembly 4 and drive assembly 4 may preferably be operatively connected to threading assembly 8. Control